

**MINUTES OF THE 1998 MIDWESTERN LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE
ANNUAL MEETING HOST COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, March 18, 1998
11:00 A.M.
Room 156-A, State House
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Members Present: Senator Landske and Representative Jerry Denbo, Co-Chairpersons; Senators Howard and Lewis; Representatives Behning and Stevenson; Lay Members George Fleetwood and Maureen Ferguson.

Members Absent: Senator Merritt; Representative Budak; Lay Members Bill Soards and Costa Miller.

Staff Present: Mary Cummins, Jeff Porter, Jenny Collier-Smith, Cheryl Bruns, Lynn Dennis, Amy Elifritz, Gerri Hampe, Becki Burnett, Terra Tarrents, Andy Cullen and Laura Bauman.

Senator Landske called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present to conduct business. The Subcommittees reported as follows:

1. Fundraising. Senator Lewis distributed an updated fundraising report and expressed some concern at the contribution levels at this time. The total to date is \$68,000 with a goal of \$180,000 and an April 15 deadline less than one month away. Senator Lewis will contact Ilene Grossman of the Council of State Governments (CSG) Chicago office to inquire about sending a follow-up letter to those who haven't responded.

2. Hospitality. Representative Denbo has received the Host State gift and will transfer them to the State House for storage until the meeting date. Andy Cullen has made several contacts and has some commitments and more calls to make for gift bag items. Representative Stevenson reported that USX is donating keychains and Inland Steel will donate something, too. Kodak will contribute cameras. Representative Behning reported that he is still hopeful that the gift bags will be contributed by Pfizer and notice should come shortly. Gerri Hampe has talked with Mr. Rosebrough at the airport and reserved a permanent hospitality booth that will be manned by host state volunteers on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, if needed.

3. Registration/Information/Host State Office. Registration packets will be put together on Friday P.M. or Saturday A.M. and volunteer staff will be needed to help. Cheryl Bruns indicated progress in gathering material for the information area.

4. Evening Events. The signed contracts for the Artsgarden and Conner Prairie venues have been received and are in order. Representative Behning will have State Dinner menu

information at the next committee meeting. There will be an area for children to meet at the opening reception at the Arts garden.

5. Spouse/Children's Program. Maureen Ferguson introduced Tina Lawson of the Rural Electric Cooperatives office who will be helping this committee. Initial responsibility for these events has been accepted by Diane Marshall-Lilly program, Laura Bauman-Indianapolis Art Museum, Rick Gudal-Children's Museum, and Becki Burnett-Pizza Party. Discussion about age limits led to agreement to require a child under six years old who participates in the programs be accompanied by an adult.

6. Volunteers. Senator Landske presented price, color, and art options about volunteer shirts. Consensus was found to use red shirts and Senator Landske will follow up and make the final decision without bringing details back to the committee for action.

Artwork for the brochure cover for the main mailing from CSG was presented to the committee for approval. The committee did approve and Laura Foster of CSG will be informed. CSG has asked for text highlighting special areas of interest in our community to include in the brochure mailing. Several suggestions were made and will be forwarded to them. They also asked for suggestions for a service project. Several possibilities were put forth and staff was directed to contact the Central Indiana Regional Blood bank to see if they are interested in bringing the Bloodmobile to the meeting site for a conference wide blood draw. Staff will let Laura know if that will be the project.

Senator Landske inquired about providing a coupon in the registration information for registrants to pick up their Host State gift. She stated that one legislator said he had thrown a gift in the trash because he didn't want to take it home and that perhaps, a coupon would be appropriate so only those who wanted them would pick them up. This was taken by consensus.

The Fundraising Committee will meet March 30, 1998 in the Senate Minority Caucus Room to see the latest update and determine what, if any, action needs to be taken to keep things moving.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 1998 in Room 156-A. The meeting adjourned at about 12:30 P.M.